

He was a member of the Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart for 43 years until he passed away last week at the age of 70.

Ordained in 1979, Father Weiss ministered primarily to African American communities across the country, including in Baltimore, Houston, Birmingham, and Washington, D.C.

However, his longest ministerial service was in New Orleans, where he made a lasting mark on the community.

Along with ministering to elderly, sick and homebound parishioners, Rev. Peter Weiss was a reserve fireman, a Chaplain to the local branch of the FBI, and taught at St. Augustine High School for 30 years.

At the school he played indispensable roles as a Theology Teacher, Director of Color Guard, and Chief Religious Officer.

In everything he did for St. Augustine, All Saints Catholic Church and the community, he kept Christ at the forefront.

I'm sending prayers to Father Weiss' family, friends, students, colleagues, and church community.

He will be so missed.

I take comfort that now, he is at peace with his Savior in heaven.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MIKE JILOTY

#### HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 20, 2022*

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, on December 25th Volusia County lost a great businessman and valued community leader, Mike Jiloty. Through Mike's hard work and personal approach to business, he received hundreds of industry awards. Serving as the President of United Way of Volusia and Flagler, Mike fought for the health, education, and stability of every person in his community. He dedicated his time to the FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools to better prepare students for their careers.

As a graduate of the Leadership Florida Class XIV, Mike used his skills as a leader to serve his community and was honored by several organizations, including the Volusia Association of School Administrators, the Daytona Beach Community College Foundation, and the Conklin Center for the Blind Lodging.

Madam Speaker, Mike Jiloty was a true example of a servant leader. He sought to inspire others, to make his community a better place, and he is missed dearly. It is my honor to recognize him today.

#### NANSEN SKI CLUB

#### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 20, 2022*

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the first competitive ski jumping event at the Nansen Jump Park in nearly 40 years that will take place January 23, 2022.

The Nansen Ski Jump was constructed in 1936-38 by the city of Berlin and the National

Youth Administration with help from with the Nansen Ski Club.

For almost fifty years the Nansen Ski Jump was the premier ski jump in the country, hosting Olympic trials and National Championships. In 1988, the jump was closed and the site of the jump was overgrown and rundown.

Winter sports are more than just a hobby in New Hampshire and throughout the United States; they are a way of life. I was proud to support Nansen Ski club's efforts to restore and renovate the Nansen Ski Jump. The restoration of the Nansen Ski Jump site, and the return of ski jumping to New Hampshire's North Country, will create an economic and communal boost to the region.

On August 27, 2021 I was excited to visit the Nansen Ski Jump in Milan to see the progress on renovations. I am proud of the North Country community for coming together to make the project a reality.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank them for all they do to ensure New Hampshire remains such a wonderful place to live, play, and raise a family.

#### RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN JOHN "JACK" A. WALTER, A VIETNAM WAR HERO, ACTIVE VOLUNTEER, AND FAMILY MAN

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 20, 2022*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Vietnam Veteran Captain Jack Walter. Jack was born and raised to serve his country, community, and family. He grew up on the East Side of Buffalo and was the 8th of the 9 children of Joseph and Frances Walter. His father was a bricklayer, so he always knew what it meant to work hard in life and never give up. He graduated from St. Matthew's Grammar School in 1960, Canisius High School in 1964, and Gannon University in 1969. While in college he was a member of the Army ROTC Advanced Corps. With this solid foundation, Jack was ready to put his leadership skills to the test. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Field Artillery. He went to Vietnam and served with the 1st Cavalry Division, 1st/21st Artillery. He was an Artillery Forward Observer with an Infantry Company, an Artillery Liaison Officer for an Infantry Battalion, and an Assistant Executive Officer for his Firing Battery. While in Vietnam he served in part of the incursion into Cambodia in May and June of 1970 and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in Cambodia.

Jack used his skills to save the lives of others on the battlefield. He was awarded a Silver Star, the third-highest military decoration for valor in combat. He received the Silver Star for "Gallantry in Action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile enemy force in the Republic of Vietnam. First Lieutenant Walter distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on June 22, 1970 in the Kingdom of Cambodia. During an intense ground battle involving a

well-entrenched enemy force, First Lieutenant Walter, serving as Artillery Liaison, repeatedly came upon heavy enemy fire as he diverted devastating aerial and field artillery on enemy positions. With complete disregard for his own safety, First Lieutenant Walter performed in a courageous and professional manner as he effectively directed artillery while braving the intense hostile fire."

Jack was also awarded a Bronze Star with an oak leaf cluster representing two Bronze Star Awards. He received a Bronze Star Award with Valor, the fourth highest award for military combat bravery during combat actions against an enemy force. The Bronze Star Award with Valor was "for heroism in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Second Lieutenant Walter also distinguished himself by valorous actions on February 27, 1970 in Binh Long Province, part of the Republic of Vietnam. When his Platoon encountered small arms and automatic weapons fire from an enemy bunker complex, he immediately called in artillery and air strikes. His pinpoint accuracy forced the aggressors to flee their fortified positions." He was awarded a second Bronze Star award for Meritorious Achievement in ground operations against hostile forces during the period from October 1969 to October 1970 in the Republic of Vietnam. In addition, Jack received an Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters representing 5 Air Medals in total, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device, and several other awards for his service in Vietnam. When he returned home from the warzone, he continued his military service by joining the U.S. Army Reserve. He was promoted to Captain in 1973. In 1974, when his military career ended, he spent the next 36 years in the aerospace and defense industry.

When Jack came back from Vietnam, he did whatever he could to use his leadership skills to help his family and his community. He was active in the Amherst Girls Softball League where he spent 11 years as a coach, Vice-President, Treasurer and Registrar and where he received the Amherst Girls Softball League Hall of Fame Award in 1991. He was the coach for Christ the King girls' basketball team for 8 years and then went on to be the assistant head coach for the Nardin Academy Varsity Basketball team for 5 years. He is active in Christ the King Church, having served as a member of the Parish Council for 12 years and president of the Parish Council for 2 years. He was also Chairman of the Finance Committee at Christ the King Church for 5 years.

Jack couldn't have been so successful in his life without the support of his family which includes his wife Janice, his three daughters which include Dr. Jacquelyn Dougherty who is an optometrist at the VA Western New York Healthcare System, Judith Dehn who is an athletic trainer at Excelsior Orthopaedics, Mary Colpoys who is a science teacher at Grand Island High School, and his 10 grandchildren. Jack's friend and fellow Vietnam Veteran Tom Bubar was instrumental in securing this special recognition for Jack. Jack's dedication to his troops in Vietnam, his family, and his community is an example of the selfless sacrifices that we should all make to ensure that our world and community is a better place to live.